

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 7 on page 13 with the following amended paragraph:

In the present specification, the term "flexographic printing precursor" is used to describe an un-imaged layer of material that is to be subsequently image-wise converted and processed to form a relief surface for printing. A flexographic printing precursor can be image-wise converted and processed by digitally imaging a mask of the material. In this case, the mask is used in any subsequent processing steps. Digitally imaging a mask can comprise the image-wise ablation of the mask. Alternatively, the imaging and processing steps can be substantially combined when the digital imaging is used to directly ablate or engrave the layer of material itself. The term "precursor section" is used to describe an un-imaged section that has been separated from a flexographic printing precursor. The term "sleeve substrate" is used to describe a cylindrical tube of material that is to be used as a base to support a precursor section. The term "flexographic printing sleeve" is used to describe a sleeve substrate on which ~~a~~ at least one piece of precursor section has been mounted. The term "flexographic printing forme" is used to describe a flexographic printing sleeve that has been image-wise converted, exposed and processed and is capable of being mounted onto a press cylinder for use in a flexographic printing operation.